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DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Administrative Action
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WILLIAM PRITZ, D.D.S.	)	REINSTATEMENT ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") upon the filing of a Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure by William Pritz, D.D.S. Dr. Pritz personally appeared before the Board on October 4, 1989, together with his counsel, Pamela Mandel, Esq. The Board had an opportunity to review numerous documents concerning Dr. Pritz's current medical condition as well as his efforts at rehabilitation, both physical and with respect to his personal use of drugs and nitrous oxide, since the voluntary surrender of his license to practice dentistry on November 18, 1988. These documents included a psychological evaluation conducted by Frank Dyer, Ph.D., a neurological evaluation conducted by Nazar Haidri, M.D., a letter report of James

Langenbucher, Ph.D., of the Program for Alcohol Consultation and Treatment, evaluative reports of Frederick Rotgers, Ph.D., of the Impaired Dentists Program, and letter reports of Robert E. Barrett, M.D., Dr. Pritz's treating physician. In view of the fact that Dr. Pritz had been out of the practice of dentistry for a considerable period of time and the Board's concern with his physical capacity to practice general dentistry in view of his medical history, the Board referred Dr. Pritz to the New Jersey Dental School for the administration of a Typodont examination. Dr. Pritz successfully passed this examination on November 3, 1989.

The Board thoroughly reviewed the entire record before it and after diligent deliberations determined to enter the Reinstatement Order as follows:

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF November, 1989,  
ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of William Pritz, D.D.S., to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey shall be reinstated effective on the entry date of the within Reinstatement Order. This reinstatement shall be expressly contingent upon continuing compliance with all terms and conditions contained in the within Order.

2. Dr. Pritz shall practice dentistry only as the employee of a New Jersey licensed dentist. The employing dentist shall not be his father, John E. Pritz, D.D.S. Dr. Pritz shall not be employed in a dental office where nitrous oxide is present or used by other

practitioners in the office. Dr. Pritz shall inform the employing dentist of his prior problems with Controlled Dangerous Substances and nitrous oxide and advise the employer that he may not have access to Controlled Dangerous Substances. Dr. Pritz shall provide to the Board the name and address of the employing dentist, and he shall cause the employing dentist to submit reports to the Board confirming that he or she has been advised of his prior problems and evaluating his competence and performance. These reports shall be submitted to the Board on a quarterly basis. It is the Board's expectation and intention that the employing dentist shall be present on the dental premises on a frequent enough basis to adequately monitor and supervise Dr. Pritz's performance. Dr. Pritz shall not be permitted to own or operate any dental facility at this time.

3. Dr. Pritz shall have his urine monitored under the supervision of the Impaired Dentists Program on a random, unannounced basis, once weekly in accordance with his present monitoring program. The urine monitoring shall be conducted with direct witnessing of the taking of the samples either from a volunteer or drug clinic staff as arranged and designated by the Impaired Dentists Program. The initial drug screen will utilize the EMIT technique and all confirming tests and/or secondary tests will be performed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). The testing procedure will include a forensic

chain of custody protocol to ensure sample integrity and to provide documentation to withstand a legal challenge. The Impaired Dentists Program shall be responsible to assure that all urine samples are handled by a laboratory competent to provide these services. All test results shall be provided in the first instance directly to the Impaired Dentists Program, and any positive result will be reported immediately by the Impaired Dentists Program to William Gutman, Executive Director of the Board, or his designee in the event he is unavailable. The Board also will retain sole discretion to modify the manner and frequency of testing in the event technical developments or individual requirements indicate that a different methodology or approach is required in order to guarantee the accuracy and reliability of the testing.

Any failure by Dr. Pritz to submit or provide a urine sample within twenty-four (24) hours of a request will be deemed to be equivalent to a confirmed positive urine test. In the event Dr. Pritz is unable to appear for a scheduled urine test or provide a urine sample due to illness or other impossibility, consent to waive that day's test must be secured from Dr. Frederick Rotgers or Dr. Barbara McCrady of the Impaired Dentists Program. Neither the volunteer nor the drug clinic staff shall be authorized to consent to waive a urine test. The Impaired Dentists Program shall advise the Board of every instance where a request has been made to waive

a urine test together with the Program's determination in each such case. Dr. Pritz shall be responsible for all costs connected with the urine monitoring program.

4. Dr. Pritz shall continue in counseling on a weekly basis with Dr. James Langenbucher, Director of the Program for Alcohol Consultation and Treatment. Dr. Pritz shall cause Dr. Langenbucher to provide quarterly reports to the Board with respect to his attendance and progress in counseling.

5. Dr. Pritz shall attend support groups including AA/NA at a frequency of no less than two (2) times per week. Dr. Pritz shall provide evidence of attendance at such groups directly to the Impaired Dentists Program on a form or in the manner as required by the Program. The Impaired Dentists Program shall advise the Board immediately in the event it receives information that Dr. Pritz has discontinued attendance at any of the support groups.

6. Dr. Pritz shall not prescribe Controlled Dangerous Substances, nor shall he possess such substances, except pursuant to a bona fide prescription written by a physician or a dentist for good medical or dental cause.

7. Dr. Pritz shall continue to have his physical condition which has been diagnosed as an extreme Vitamin B-12 deficiency treated and monitored by physicians competent to do so. Dr. Pritz shall advise any and all treating physicians and/or dentists of his history of substance abuse. He shall cause any physician or dentist who prescribes medication which is a Controlled Dangerous Substance

to provide a written report to the Board together with patient records indicating the need for such medication and confirming that the practitioner was advised in advance of the history of substance abuse. Such report shall be provided to the Board no later than seven (7) days subsequent to the prescription in order to avoid any confusion which may be caused by a confirmed positive urine test as a result of such medication.

8. Dr. Pritz shall provide appropriate releases to any and all parties who are participating in the monitoring program as outlined herein as may be required by such parties in order that all reports, records, and other pertinent information may be provided to the Board in a timely manner.

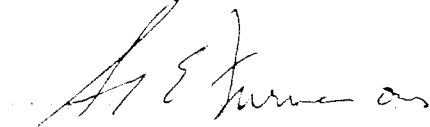
9. A copy of the within Order shall be provided by the Board to any and all parties who are currently participating in the monitoring program as outlined herein or who are assigned in the future to participate in this program or any individual or institution succeeding to their respective monitoring functions.

10. All costs associated with the monitoring program as outlined herein shall be paid directly by Dr. Pritz.

11. It is expressly understood and agreed that continued licensure with restrictions as ordered herein is contingent upon strict compliance with all of the aforementioned conditions. Upon the Board's receipt of any information indicating that any term of the within Order has been violated in any manner whatsoever,

including, but not limited to, a verbal report of a confirmed positive urine or any other evidence that Dr. Pritz has used an addictive substance, a hearing shall be held on short notice before the Board or before one member of the Board authorized to act on its behalf. The proofs at such a hearing shall be limited to evidence of the particular violation at issue.

12. Dr. Pritz may apply for modification of the terms and conditions of the within Order no sooner than six (6) months from the entry date herein.

  
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SAMUEL E. FURMAN, D.D.S.  
PRESIDENT  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY